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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Murakawa et al.)
Serial No.: 07/402,450) Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel
Filed: September 1, 1989) Group Art Unit: 1631
For: METHOD FOR AMPLIFICATION)
AND DETECTION OF RNA)
SEQUENCES)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000 (Paper No. 40), please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amendments to claims 34-37, 42, and 44-49:

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34. (Once amended.) An amplification reaction mixture for the quantitation of a target [nucleic acid] RNA segment in a biological sample, said reaction mixture comprising:
said target [nucleic acid] RNA;